

WINTER SEEDING IS PROGRESSING

Outlook for Crop Next Year Is That of an Average One; Much Rain in Argentine.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The preparation of the soil and seeding of winter grains has continued to make rapid progress throughout the northern hemisphere. The abundant moisture has greatly facilitated fall plowing and the seeding of winter wheat and rye in Canada. Conditions have generally been favorable for seeding in the United States and early sowing of wheat and rye in the North-west and West States are up to a good stand and vigorous growth reported. Rain is needed in some districts of the Far Western states to insure proper germination. The present prospects indicate that the acreage for the country, as a whole, will be up to the average.

Recent rains have greatly facilitated plowing in France and Germany, although more rain is needed to insure sufficient moisture for germination. The present prospect indicates that an average or slightly above average acreage of fall grains will be sown in all Western Europe. The monsoon is reported to have continued active in most of India, and in the Punjab region the recent rains have greatly improved conditions. Crops are generally good and the present outlook indicates that a large acreage of wheat and other grain will be sown.

Abundant rainfall has recently occurred over the entire grain producing section of Argentina and will greatly benefit crop prospects.

The outlook for next season's crops is very promising in British South Africa because of the ample rains well distributed over the country. If the present promising conditions continue, the production may exceed the harvest of any recent years. Corn is looking exceptionally well. Wheat was sown under very favorable conditions and the area for the coming season is 839,000 acres in 1920-21.

Rain has been abundant throughout Australia and prospects continue good to excellent. The area sown with wheat for 1921-22 is approximately 9,44,000 acres compared with 9,082,000 acres in 1920-21.

1920-21, an increase of 4 per cent, but 2 per cent below the average of the previous 5 years.

Threshing of this season's crops has been delayed in the prairie provinces of Canada by heavy rains and snow but damage to crops has been minimized by the cool dry weather which followed. Rainy weather has also interfered with threshing in some sections of Great Britain, especially in Scotland. Weather conditions have been favorable for threshing in most of Western Europe and recent returns of the yield confirm earlier favorable estimates for winter cereals, which equal or exceed those of last year. The yield of spring sown grains is only fair and the quality variable, though occasional good yields are reported. The hot, dry weather up to mid-August has injured the corn crop in all of western and central Europe and a poor yield is reported.

The first cotton forecast for India (which covers 79 per cent of the total area but does not embrace late plantings as these had not yet commenced) states that the present condition of the crop is generally good. The preliminary or August estimate of the area for the 1921-22 crop is 11,976,000 acres compared with 13,293,000 acres last year at the corresponding period. Owing to favorable rains at sowing time the early plantings in Bombay, Central Provinces, Berar, Hyderabad and Madras, which comprise fully two-thirds of the total cotton area of India, have been quite large and it seems probable that the ultimate cotton area for 1921-22 will approximate 20,000,000 acres as compared with 21,000,000 acres in 1920-21.

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All indications are that the flight will not only furnish hunters excellent sport, but that there will have to be little waiting after the open season starts. No reason is assigned by the department for the earliness of the southern flight. Only the birds know the pattern and the tent already are

on the wing. The mallard, the canvas-back, the red head, the wildgeese, the black head and other later emigrants soon will be on their way to warmer climes. Reports from almost every section tell of the great size of the flights already under way.

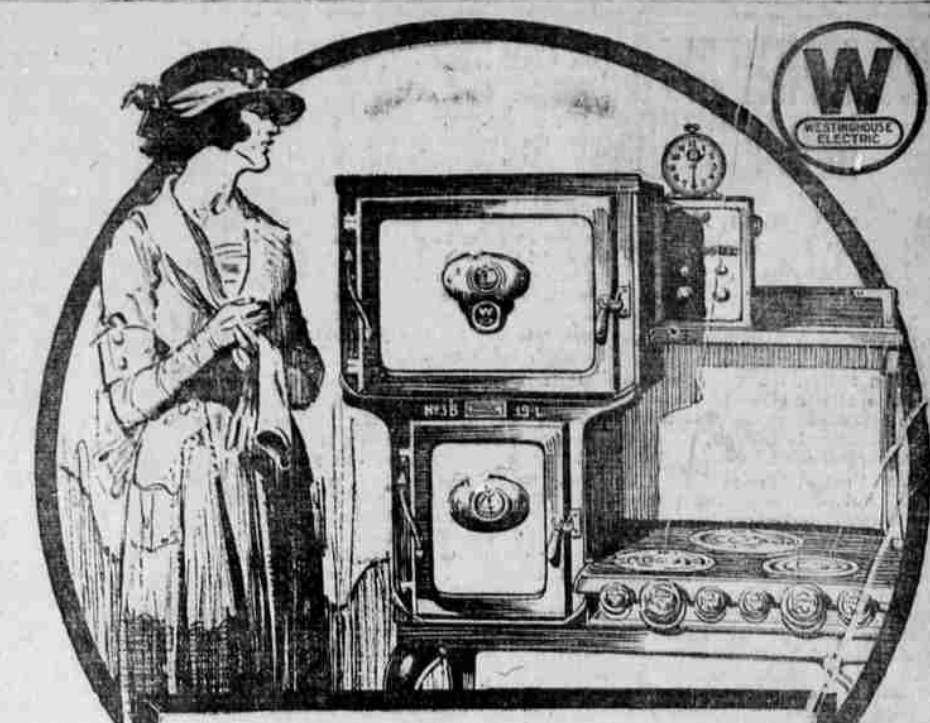
From the sandhills of Nebraska come reports of larger numbers of ducks than seen for years. Little Goose Lake in South Dakota, visited recently by a representative of the Biological Survey, was reported to be literally alive with ducks. From almost every section of Iowa ducks are reported to be plentiful. In the Green Bay section of Wisconsin there are said to be more ducks than ever before. Many more black ducks are reported in Maine than were seen last season. Along the New Jersey coast there also has been a big increase.

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